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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00F-0089]

Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of phosphorous acid, bis[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethyl)-6-methylphenyl] ethyl ester as a stabilizer in olefin polymers intended to contact food.

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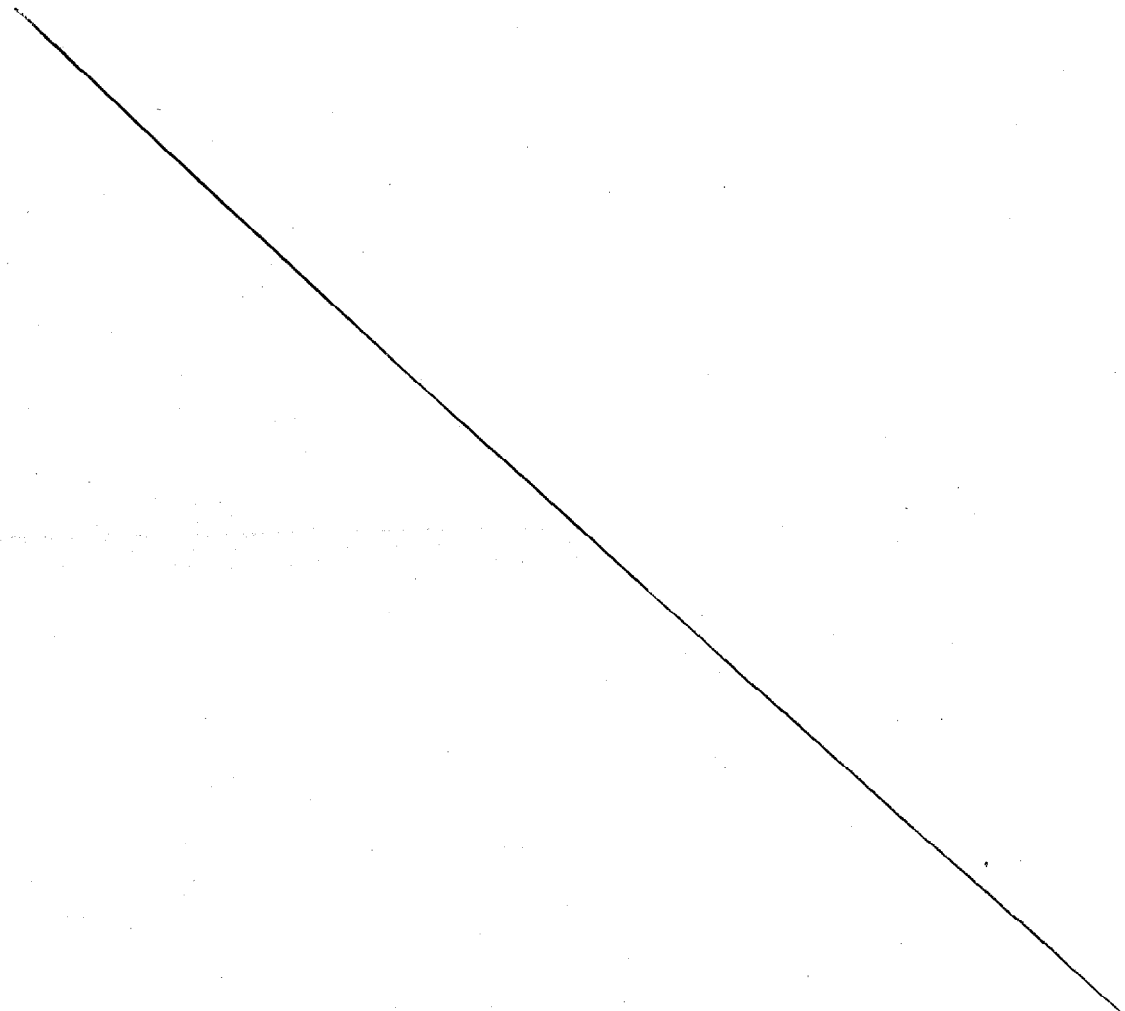
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b) (5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 0B4702) has been filed by Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., 540 White Plains Road, P.O. Box 2005, Tarrytown, NY 10591-9005. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.2010 Antioxidants and/or stabilizers for polymers (21 CFR 178.2010) to provide for

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the safe use of phosphorous acid, bis[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethyl)-6-methylphenyl] ethyl ester as a-stabilizer in olefin polymers intended to contact food. This substance is regulated currently as bis(2,4-di-tert-butyl-6-methylphenyl)ethyl phosphite under 21 CFR 178.2010, The name phosphorous acid, bis[2,4-bis(1,1-dimethyl)-6-methylphenyl] ethyl ester is the most current nomenclature in the Chemical Abstracts Service Registry System.

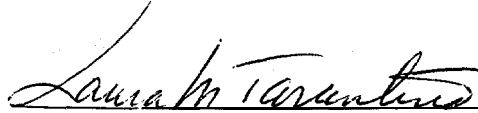
The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or cumulatively



have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, /
neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact
statement is required.

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